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OTHER DOCUMENTS

XP-000150599 – Hohberg, "How to Find Biconnected Components in Distributed Networks", pages 374-386

German 100 37 969 relates to a method for determining the topology of a physical point-to-point network from a central position by transmission of telegrams or packets through the network to determine path take and therefore network type.

German DE 100 46 312 relates to a network topology identification system which uses a circulating message which is automatic.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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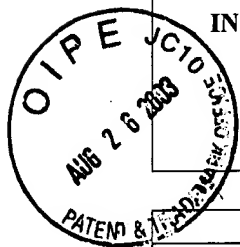
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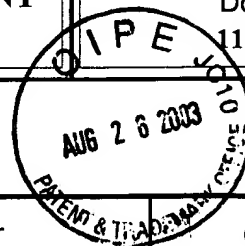
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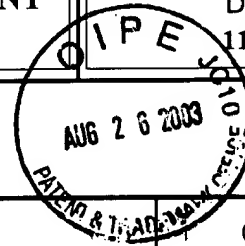
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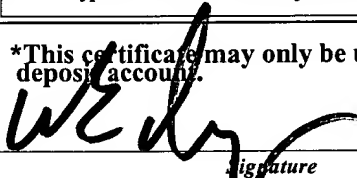
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